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In re Application of:

KAWAZURA et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

February 23, 2004

Sir:

Applicants petition for an extension of time for one month for response to the outstanding Office Action dated August 21, 2003 from November 21, 2003 to February 23, 2004 (February 21, 2004 being a Saturday).

A check in the amount of Nine Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$950.00) to cover the cost of the extension fee is enclosed. In the event any fees are required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300, referring to client-matter number 100021-09056.

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